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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of
Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds
WT Docket No. 03-187**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 23, 2007, 42 state broadcasters associations (collectively, the "Named State Broadcasters Associations") jointly filed Joint Comments in the above-captioned proceeding. These Joint Comments urge the Commission to refrain from imposing additional regulations relating to potential avian collisions with communications towers given the lack of credible scientific evidence that the towers are having a significant adverse effect on migratory bird populations and the known risks to public safety, homeland security, and aircraft navigational safety as well as the significantly increased costs and delays in the deployment of communications infrastructure that such new regulations pose.

The Hawaii Association of Broadcasters and the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association hereby express their support of these Joint Comments, and ask the Commission to add their names to those of the 42 Named State Broadcasters Associations already supporting the positions expressed therein. As Senator Mary Landrieu has recently recognized in introducing the First Response Broadcasters Act of 2007, local broadcasters do not only entertain and inform, they also provide vital public safety information during emergencies and major disasters. Accordingly, the FCC should refrain from adopting any new regulations or policies that would jeopardize the provision of services by this vital industry.

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Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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